

#### The One Law-Giver.

One of the most distinctly marked features of the church of the present day is the weakened hold which men have of the doctrine of future retribution. This is shown not by the alternation of creeds and confessions, but the publication of books and pamphlets, by the utterances of prominent men in different communions and by the action of various local ecclesiastical bodies. In these it is declared with more or less emphasis that sin is not eternal, and that some day all men without exception will be brought home to happiness and God. But if this be true then there is no such thing as retribution. All the penal sections of the law are changed into corrections, their real ultimate end being not the satisfaction of justice, but the reformation of the transgressor. Sympathy with the wrongdoer takes the place of sympathy with eternal rectitude. This arises from a feeble sense of the evil sin. Men shrink from the unsparing denunciations of scripture, and are disposed to palliate and excuse moral delinquencies as if they were infirmities, accidents due to the weakness of man's nature, greatly to be regretted indeed and avoided, yet not by any means demanding a penalty strictly endless. If we trace farther back the source of these views, we find it in the inadequate apprehensions men have of the divine law. They do not keep in mind its holy spiritual, searching, inflexible character. They do not recognize its absolute and unchangeable authority. They merge all the perfections of God into his one aspect as a father, and so overlook his majesty as a moral governor. Forgetting, too, that even a father must rule, and that a family without discipline is on the sure road to ruin, they explain the divine paternity as to make it mere good nature. The father of all cannot finally reject any and his grace is as universal as mankind. Making happiness rather than holiness the last end of his procedure, they resolve the law into an educational institution instead of an original and unbending standard of duty. In direct opposition to all such loose and indefinite opinions stands the positive assertion of the Apostle James (iv. 12), "There is one Lawgiver." That God is a lawgiver arises from the fact that he is creator. Even in the sphere of physical forces, it would be inconsistent with his perfections to allow the existence of a permanent chaos. Were there no uniformity in natural sequences, science would become guesswork and life a riddle.

But if God imposes law upon unorganized matter, much more must he upon rational beings. Man, we are told, was made in the image of God, a free, self-conscious agent, endowed with reason, conscience and will, and therefore raised immeasurably above all other orders of being on earth. As the immediate offspring of God he partakes of his spiritual nature, and therefore is capable of knowing him and having communion with him. But he is also capable of turning away from him and pursuing wrong courses. Man, therefore, must have a rule of action. His own moral constitution requires it, as well as his relation to his maker upon whom he is dependent and to whom he is subject. The wise and holy God cannot be indifferent to the character of his intelligent creatures either in respect to their dispositions or their conduct. He must have a will upon the subject, and that will must necessarily take the shape of law. It is indeed conceivable that he might have so constructed men that they would always be disposed to do right, and infallibly the propensity of nature guiding them every step, so that there never could be a possibility of their going wrong either from inclination or from mistake. But, so far as we know, the Almighty never did construct any of his creatures after this manner. Such being the case, man with all his high endowments being fallible and peaceable, there must needs be given to him a fixed rule of conduct. Mere suggestions or advice will not answer. There must be something absolute and peremptory, something that comes as their revocable declaration of God's own judgment of good and evil, something established over mankind, like the sun in the firmament, the same from the world's first day to the last. It says: "thou shalt, or thou shalt not, and it means to be obeyed. It has therefore, sanctions, as it, indeed, must have, otherwise it would not be law at all, but a mere expression of opinion. And these sanctions must

be enforced. For if not, then they might just as well not exist.—Talbot W. Chambers, in the Presbyterian and Reform Review of July.

#### HERE AND THERE.

Southwest Missouri wants a normal school.

Laclede county works her prisoners on the public road.

No more gambling in the Missouri penitentiary on holidays.

Jefferson City has fifty base ball clubs.

A Pleasant Hill 10-year-old boy was recently fined \$10 for indulging in profanity on the streets of that city.

Cobwebs hang across the calaboose door, at Excelsior Springs.

Kahoka has fourteen couples who have been married for fifty years or more.

A man named Cleveland is the Republican candidate for assessor in Vernon county.

It is said that if you climb on a roof in Hamilton you can see 200,000 bushels of corn growing.

Elijah Bryan, of Nevada, has a flintlock gun that used to belong to Daniel Boone and was a favorite with the old frontiersman.

In Pettis county recently two negro women were seen plowing—one acting as horse and the other holding the plow handles.

In some places in the state hugging societies have taken the place of church festivals as a means of raising funds. Editors, of course, pay in advertising.

Mrs. Stacy, of Warrensburg, made some jelly the day her son left home and said she would not open it till he came back from Texas. After fifteen years' absence the son recently returned and the jelly was opened.

Mrs. Urban, of Louisiana, Mo., took three of her children and went on a visit to four of her other children, living in St. Louis, and left six children at home with Mr. Urban.

Sometime ago I was troubled with an attack of rheumatism. I used Chamberlain's pain balm and was completely cured. I have since advised many of my friends and customers to try the remedy and all speak highly of it. Simon Goldbaum, San Luis Rey, Cal. For sale by W. C. Gaston, druggist.

#### Cause of Hard Times.

George Gould says it is because of hostility to corporations.

Farmers say it is the low price of wheat.

Silver men say it is the action of Wall street.

Wall street says it is the action of the silver men.

Manufacturers say it is the fear of free trade.

The consumer says it is the tariff.

Capitalists say it is the exorbitant demands of labor.

The debtor says it is the creditor.

The creditor says it is the debtor.

The Democrats say it is the Republicans.

Republicans say it is the Democrats.

Populists say it is both.

The Prohibitionist says it is whiskey.

The preacher says it is the devil.

Now what do you think it is?—Exchange.

#### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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#### The History of Important Tariff Acts.

Washington Post.

The senate finance committee has compiled a brief statement showing the chronological history of important tariff acts as follows:

Walker tariff of 1846.  
Reported to house, April 14, 1846.  
Passed house July 3, 1846.  
Passed senate July 28, 1846.  
Conference report adopted July 20, 1846.

Approved July 29, 1846.  
Tariff act of 1846 (Moral tariff):  
Reported to house March 12, 1860.  
Passed senate Feb. 20, 1861.  
Conference report adopted Feb. 27, 1861.

Approved March 2, 1861.  
Tariff act of 1860.  
Reported to house March 29, 1882.  
Passed house June 27, 1882.  
Passed senate Feb. 20, 1883.  
Conference report adopted March 3, 1883.

Approved March 3, 1883.  
McKinley tariff act of 1890.  
Reported to house April 18, 1890.  
Passed house May 21, 1890.  
Passed senate Sept. 10, 1890.  
Conference report adopted Sept. 27, 1890.

Approved Oct. 1, 1890.  
Wilson tariff bill.  
Reported to house Dec. 19, 1893.  
Passed house Feb. 1, 1894.  
Passed senate July 3, 1894.

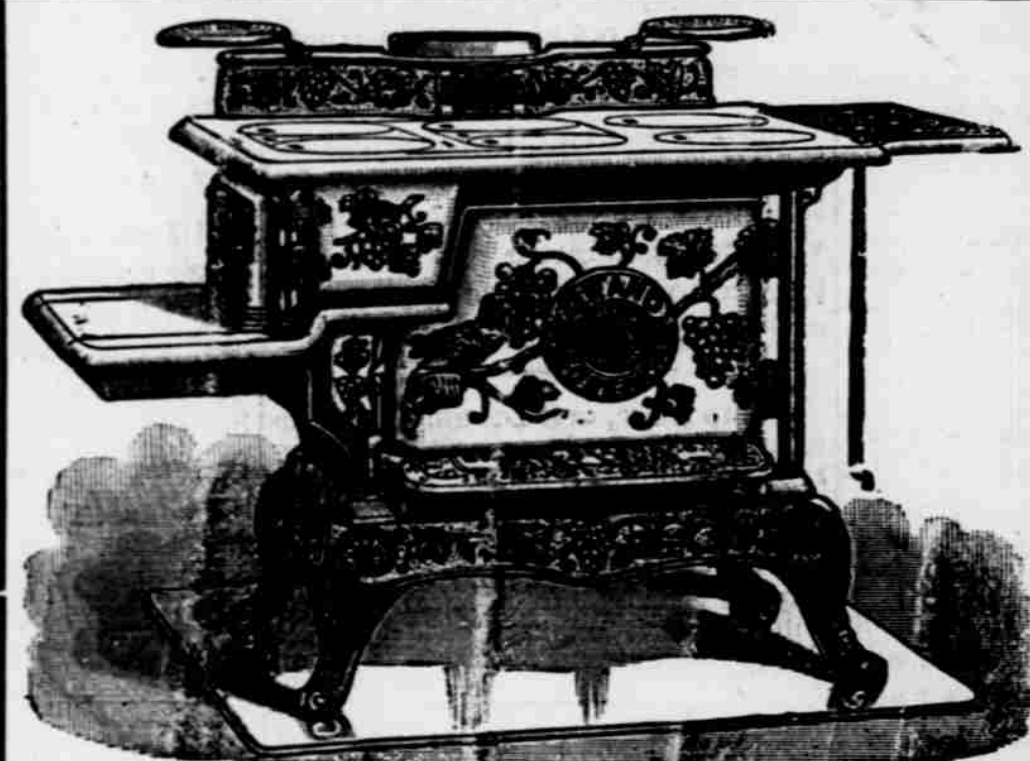
I have two little grand children who are teething this hot summer weather and are troubled with bowel complaint. I give them Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy and it acts like a charm. I earnestly recommend it for children with bowel troubles. I was myself taken with a severe attack of bloody flux, with cramps and pains in my stomach, one-third of a bottle of this remedy cured me. Within twenty-four hours I was out of bed and doing my house work. Mrs. W. L. Dunagan, Bon Aqua, Hickman Co., Tenn. For sale by W. C. Gaston, druggist.

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#### How Chinese Do Things.

The Chinese surname comes first, instead of last.

The men wear their hair long and the women wear it short.

The men carry on dress-making and the women carry burdens.

Chinese begin dinner with dessert and end with soup and fish.

The Chinese compass points to the south, instead of to the north.

Chinese launch their vessels side ways and mount their horses from the off side.

The Chinese shake their own hands instead of the hands of those they would greet.

The spoken language of China is not written and the written language is not spoken.

Books are read backward and what we call foot-notes are inserted at the top of the page.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals and in mourning at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

#### Now Try This.

It will cost you nothing and will surely do you good, if you have a cough, cold, or any trouble with the throat, chest or lungs. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be paid back. Sufferers from la grippe found it just the thing and under its use had a speedy and perfect recovery. Try a sample bottle at our expense and learn for yourself just how good a thing it is. Trial bottles free at W. C. Gaston's drug store. Large size 50c. and \$1.

#### Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.  
Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large liver sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica salve cured him entirely. Sold by W. C. Gaston.

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